National Theatre
Press Release

RAMBERT DANCE STUDIOS TO HOST COMMUNITY PERFORMANCES OF THE NATIONAL THEATRE'S *THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME*

South London community groups, along with representatives of local employers and businesses, will have the opportunity to watch the National Theatre's Olivier award-winning production of ***The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*** when it is performed in the round in a 'rehearsal room format' at Rambert Dance Studios.

The performances will take place in the Marie Rambert studio, the largest of Rambert's five studio spaces, in their new home on the South Bank, directly behind the National Theatre during the week of 17 February. Among those invited to the free performances are members of the Waterloo Action Centre, Blackfriars Settlement, Waterloo Quarter and South Bank Employers' Group.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time is based on Mark Haddon's award-winning novel, adapted by Simon Stephens and directed by Marianne Elliott. Its West End run was interrupted when part of the ceiling at the Apollo Theatre collapsed on 19 December; audience members who were in the Apollo on that night have also been invited to performances at Rambert Dance Studios. The play will resume its run at the Gielgud Theatre in Shaftesbury Avenue in June.

Nadia Stern, Chief Executive for Rambert says: 'It is a pleasure for Rambert to be able to work with the National Theatre, our new neighbours on the South Bank. We have always conceived that our new home would be a resource that would be of value to the wider arts community, and allow us to facilitate great opportunities at the heart of our community. This is another fantastic opportunity to put that into practice.'

The Curious Incident… tells the story of Christopher, fifteen years old, who has an extraordinary brain – exceptional at maths while ill-equipped to interpret everyday life. When he falls under suspicion of killing Mrs. Shears' dog Wellington, he records each fact about the event in the book he is writing to solve the mystery of the murder. But his detective work, forbidden by his father, takes him on a frightening journey that upturns his world.

Mike Noble plays Christopher Boone with **Rakie Ayola** as his teacher, Siobhan, **Daniel Casey**, Roger Shears, **Jo Dockery**, Punk Girl, **Amanda Drew**, Judy, **Patrick Driver**, Reverend Peters, **Trevor Fox,** Ed, **Golda Rosheuvel**, Mrs Shears, **Gay Soper**, Mrs Alexander, and **Paul Stocker** Mr Thompson.

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Notes to Editors:

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, the winner of seven Olivier Awards, will resume its West End run at the Gielgud Theatre from 24 June (opening night 8 July). The production is designed by Bunny Christie, with lighting by Paule Constable, video design by Finn Ross, movement by Scott Graham and Steven Hoggett for Frantic Assembly, music by Adrian Sutton and sound by Ian Dickinson for Autograph.

An encore screening of the National Theatre Live broadcast of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time,* filmed during the play's original run in the Cottesloe Theatre, will be shown in UK and international cinemas on 22 May with further screenings in following weeks.

The Broadway premiere of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* will open in New York in October this year.